

St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 13 September 2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Visit us at www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au to find out more about our parish

Sunday Scripture

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Psalm

102:1-4. 9-12

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35







Our Churches

Alexandra Hills

St Anthony's Catholic Church St Anthony Drive Alexandra Hills QLD 4161

Capalaba

St Luke's Catholic Church 45 Degen Road Capalaba QLD 4157



A Message from Fr Emmanuel

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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Congratulations
to all the
Confirmation
children!

We pray that they shall be filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.



Sacramental Program

We have celebrated with our young people both the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, most recently.

The outstanding Sacrament is RECONCILIATION. This sacrament was delayed because the COVID19 situation happened that very week. Although the children have had to wait a long time, we are hopeful that we can offer this sacrament now – again during school hours in early November. Margaret will be in touch with all those, who had already registered, completed their Catechesis and were delayed previously. Woo-Hoo!

Reconciliation Mass

On Monday September 21st September, Fr. Emmanuel will offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation immediately after the 5pm Mass. Please phone parish office to register 07 3820 0100. We will all look forward to this opportunity to celebrate the sacrament and be reconciled with our God and our neighbour.

Want to become a Catholic?

Perhaps you have been attending Mass with your partner/family for some time, although you have NOT received the Sacraments yourself? Do you feel that this is the right time to enquire about becoming a full member of our Parish Community (Sacramentally) IF so, we would like to offer you the opportunity to learn more, and prepare for that time? SO if you have not been Baptised, or if you have been baptised in another faith, please ring Margaret at the Parish Office for more information of how we can make this happen.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



Worldwide Marriage Encounter:

A weekend experience for married couples, daytime, going home on the Saturday evening – away from the distractions of everyday

living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship.

Paul and Lyn Joseph will be talking about the Worldwide Marriage Encounter on all masses for the weekend of 19th and 20th of September 2020.

Mass Updates

The link for online booking for the WEEKEND MASSES are:

St. Anthony's is: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-anthonys-mass-tickets-111775134436 St Luke's is: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/st-lukes-mass-tickets-111775930818

Online Bookings for weekend Masses: The bookings will be open until Thursday afternoon prior to the upcoming Masses, unless they are fully booked.

Phone Bookings for mass: Phone bookings are only available during BUSINESS HOURS and will be open until midday on Friday prior to the upcoming Masses, unless they are fully booked.

> Please do not ring outside of office hours or on weekends to book, as we are unavailable to take the bookings at that time.

Cancellations: Please ring the parish office if you wish to cancel any mass bookings so other parishioners can have a chance to attend masses.

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all. "



Have you given us a copy of your Blue Card yet?

Please provide the Parish Office with a copy of your Blue Card once you've received it.

> Thank you so much.





Are you New to **Our Parish**

If you are new to the Parish, please give us your details by email or phone on 3820 0100. The Parish Office will then be in touch with you to send you our weekly newsletter.

Once we are back to normal, we look forward to welcoming you at **Newcomers** our Welcome Night.



Scripture Readings for Next Sunday

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in **Ordinary Time**

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm

144:2-3, 8-9, 17-78

Second Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Weekly Offerings

Dear Parishioners, thank you for supporting the your parish.

Please try the new Parish Giving Portal located on our Website or via link below.

https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login

 Please continue to use the Direct Debit, Direct Deposit or envelopes at the collection box during mass. You can bring offerings directly to the Parish office.

Should you wish to set up a **direct debit** in place of your envelope offering, please contact the Parish Office for a direct debit form. **Direct debits can be made from either your savings account or credit card.**

Should you wish to make a one off donation to our parish, our bank account details are as follows:

BSB: 064786

Account Number: 100017590

Account Name: Alexandra Hills Capalaba Parish Planned Giving.

Offerings for the last weekend is: \$1,241.80 (Giving App, Direct Debits and Credit Cards).

God bless you and thank you for your generosity.

Planned Giving





Please take a moment to pray for...

Andrew Cieslak, Glen Gray, Kevin Hardy, Lesley Hopkins, Jim Kelly, Mary Tucker, Samuel Tyler and Sonia Mendez along with all those in our community who are ill, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

We commend those who have recently died Meryl Rusk, Joycelyn Alford, Regina Millar, Patricia Kennedy, John Hogan to the loving embrace of God.

We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

If you wish to have a loved one's name mentioned in the parish newsletter for an anniversary, a remembrance or a prayer for the sick, please contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100.

Note: All names for prayers will remain in the newsletter for one month. To request Masses to be offered for the sick, dying, deceased or for special intentions please contact the Parish Office.



BEST WISHES AND PRAYERS



Ladies Group News

The picture below is of one of the 68 beautifully knitted and crocheted knee rugs which have been lovingly created and donated

this year to patients in the Geriatric Rehabilitation and Brain Injury wards of PAH.

Since this project began 20 years ago, over 2,800 rugs have been gifted to people in hospitals, nursing homes and the community! THANK YOU to everyone involved.



Newsletter available via Email!

Why not contact the Parish Office on 3820 0100 and ask to be added to our emailing list to ensure you receive a copy of the newsletter each week.

You are also able to view our weekly newsletter on our website www.stanthonyandstluke.org.au

Holy Land Collection

Support of the Church in the Holy Land

12 to 13 – September

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world the date for the collection has been moved.

The collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing.

Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land and keep them in your prayers.





19 – 20 September 2020

Supporting those in need through Centacare With your donation to the Annual Catholic Campaign you help continue the vital work Centacare does in our local communities. With your support, they provide ministries such as:

- Homelessness and housing support
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Domestic and family violence support
- Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
- Murri ministry

catholiccampaign.com.au

A Stewardship Moment

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." (Romans 14:8)

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



(Accessed on September 8, 2020 from https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

PARISH OFFICE

The Office is in the demountable Behind St Anthony's Church St Anthony Drive, Alexandra Hills

Office Hours

Monday and Wednesday 9.00am to 3.00pm Tuesday and Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm Thursday CLOSED

Website

stanthonyandstluke.org.au
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3820 0100

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PARISH MASS TIMES

WEEKEND

St Anthony's Church, Alexandra Hills

Saturday 4.30pm Sunday 9.00am

St Luke's Church, Capalaba

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 7.00am

WEEKDAY

Monday

5.00pm St Anthony's Alexandra Hills

Tuesday

9.00am St Luke's Capalaba

Wednesday

9.00am St Anthony's Alexandra Hills

Friday

9.00am St Luke's Capalaba

<u>WEEKDAY</u> - School Masses (Refer to Weekly Newsletter for these)

Wednesday

2.15pm St Anthony's Alexandra Hills **Friday**

9.00am St Luke's Capalaba

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Saturday

St Anthony's Alexandra Hills 4.00pm - 4.30pm

Or by appointment

ADORATION

First Friday of the Month

St Anthony's Alexandra Hills 6.00pm - 7.00pm

EDUCATION

Alexandra Hills - St Anthony Drive

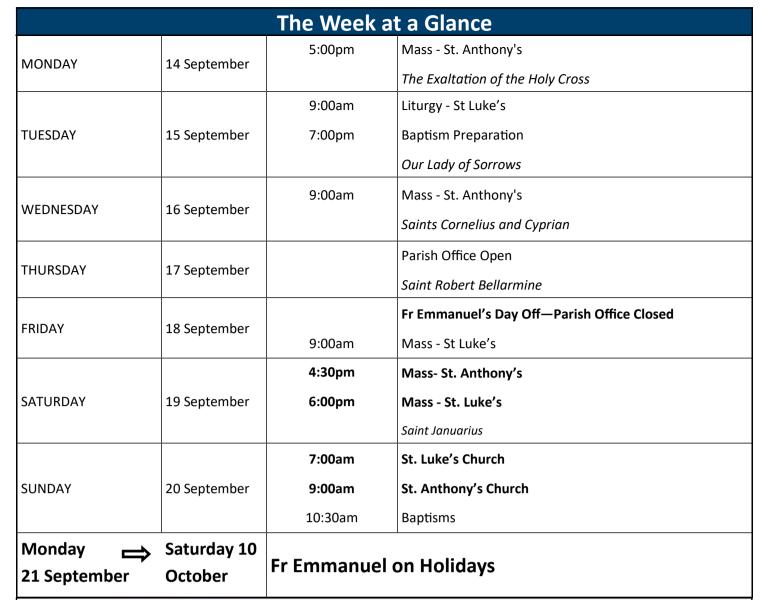
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School 3820 1200

St Anthony's Kindergarten 3824 5061

Capalaba - Degen Road

St Luke's Catholic Primary School 3245 9595

St Luke's Catholic Child Care Centre 3245 3300



We forgive others as God forgives us

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

One day a ____gathered his officials to find out how much ____they owed him. One official owed the king fifty million ____coins, but could not pay back what he owed. The king ordered that he, his family and ____be sold to pay back the debt. The official ____ for mercy. The king felt sorry for him and set him ____. As the official left, he met a man who owed him one hundred silver ____. He grabbed the man

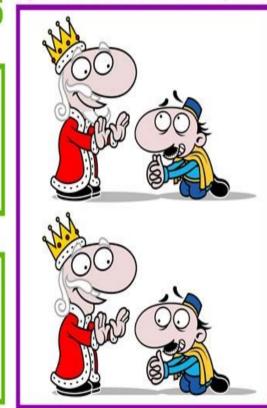
and said, "Pay me back what you owe me!" The man begged for ____ but the official had him thrown in prison. When the other officials found out they told the king. The king was so ___ he called the official back and ordered him to be ____ until he paid back everything he owed.



Show Forgiveness

How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?

How can we show forgiveness to others?



Spot the 7 differences between these pictures

Catholic Leader

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The online edition of The Catholic Leader newspaper will be extended to parishioners for free during these uncertain times. Keep faith with the Leader at www.catholicleader.com.au

Our Parish Team

Fr Emmanuel Ayankudy CMI - Parish Priest
Margaret McFerran - Pastoral Ministry Co-ordinator
Maria Mendez Villalta - Parish Secretary